



Chapter 9

Western Washington University Enrollment Highlights

Introduction

Western Washington University (WWU) was founded in 1893 and serves the regional needs of western Washington residents. Study is organized into a Graduate School, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and Economics, the College of Fine and Performing Arts, Fairhaven College, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, and Woodring College of Education.

In fall 2000, enrollment was 12,307, or 11,694 FTEs. (See Table 36.)

Access

Residents of four counties, King, Pierce, Snohomish and Whatcom, account for 60 percent of all students attending WWU in Fall 2000. At the time of initial application, 3,371 students were King County residents, 1,089 were residents of Pierce County, and 1,295 were residents of Snohomish County, and 1,656 were residents of Whatcom County. The University is located in Whatcom County, but consistently enrolls students statewide. (See Table 37 and Figure 13.)

Service Levels and Student Flow

Due to the University's large number of freshman entrances, and lack of doctoral programs, the highest percent of its student body is 17 to 22 years of age.

Out of 12,307 students enrolled in fall 2000, 2,470 were directly from high school, 1,183 were transfers from two- and four-year institutions, 295 were former returning students and unknowns, and 8,359 were continuing students. Data on student flow during fall 1985-2000 is shown in Table 38.

Extension Programs

WWU offers several extension programs off-campus and in Bellingham. Most of these programs are offered on a self-sustaining basis. In fall 1998, 1,120 students were enrolled in extension programs through the Center for Regional Services (CRS) in Woodring College of Education, and through the University Extended Programs (UEP).

Extension programs are offered in electronics engineering technology, environmental studies, vehicle research, speech pathology/audiology, human services, teacher education, educational administration, and adult education at six different sites in western Washington. Some sites offer more than one program. Enrollment by site is: Bellingham, 254 students; Bremerton, 90; Everett, 322; Oak Harbor, 36; Port Angeles, 15; and Seattle, 292, and other sites, 98.

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Two state-supported programs are offered at off-campus sites: environmental studies at Port Angeles and Bremerton, and electronics engineering technology in Seattle.

Table 36
Western Washington University
Annual Average and Fall Headcount Enrollment and FTEs
1970-71 through 2000-01

	Annual Average		Fall Quarter	
	Headcount	FTEs	Headcount	FTEs
1970-71	9,507	9,266	9,601	9,232
1971-72	9,149	9,460	9,864	9,748
1972-73	8,254	8,310	8,884	8,314
1973-74	7,986	7,720	8,126	7,404
1974-75	8,493	7,974	8,601	7,388
1975-76	9,116	8,431	9,198	7,854
1976-77	8,939	8,377	9,123	8,642
1977-78	9,191	8,567	9,359	8,857
1978-79	9,551	8,919	9,800	9,258
1979-80	9,850	9,192	10,104	9,490
1980-81	10,129	9,597	10,616	10,016
1981-82	9,733	9,383	10,291	9,930
1982-83	9,026	8,524	9,352	8,932
1983-84	9,215	8,605	9,617	9,001
1984-85	8,784	8,266	9,144	8,651
1985-86	8,886	8,297	9,200	8,597
1986-87	8,982	8,410	9,398	8,800
1987-88	8,995	8,357	9,559	8,864
1988-89	9,261	8,650	9,838	9,126
1989-90	8,969	8,439	9,322	8,793
1990-91	9,312	8,731	9,732	9,145
1991-92	9,556	9,021	10,010	9,454
1992-93	9,658	9,139	10,150	9,577
1993-94	9,885	9,347	10,302	9,775
1994-95	10,113	9,486	10,598	9,981
1995-96	10,274	9,651	10,708	10,104
1996-97	10,741	10,101	11,039	10,420
1997-98	10,947	10,367	11,476	10,890
1998-99	11,153	11,537	11,655	11,062
1999-00	11,527	10,821	11,887	11,219
2000-01	11,822	11,191	12,307	11,694

SOURCE: Higher Education Enrollment Report (HEER).

1999-01 BIENNIUM HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENT SUPPLEMENT

Table 37
Western Washington University
County Participation Rates, Fall 2000

<u>County</u>	<u>2000 Pop Age 17+</u>	<u>Fall 2000 Enr.</u>	<u>Part. Rates</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>2000 Pop Age 17+</u>	<u>Fall 2000 Enr.</u>	<u>Part. Rates</u>	<u>Desc. Rank</u>
Adams	11,113	4	0.036	* Whatcom	129,356	1,656	1.280	1
Asotin	15,615	7	0.045	* Skagit	77,482	447	0.577	2
Benton	102,453	145	0.142	* San Juan	11,527	57	0.494	3
Chelan	49,018	122	0.249	* Island	54,262	232	0.428	4
* Clallam	51,255	166	0.324	* Clallam	51,255	166	0.324	5
* Clark	251,228	320	0.127	* Jefferson	21,119	67	0.317	6
Columbia	3,150	7	0.222	* Thurston	158,009	465	0.294	7
* Cowlitz	69,408	130	0.187	* Snohomish	448,524	1,295	0.289	8
Douglas	23,520	51	0.217	Garfield	1,816	5	0.275	9
Ferry	5,448	3	0.055	* Kitsap	173,339	467	0.269	10
Franklin	33,172	16	0.048	Chelan	49,018	122	0.249	11
Garfield	1,816	5	0.275	* King	1,368,040	3,371	0.246	12
Grant	52,068	26	0.050	* Skamania	7,400	17	0.230	13
* Grays Harbor	50,972	89	0.175	Columbia	3,150	7	0.222	14
* Island	54,262	232	0.428	Douglas	23,520	51	0.217	15
* Jefferson	21,119	67	0.317	* Pierce	520,806	1,089	0.209	16
* King	1,368,040	3,371	0.246	Stevens	29,243	61	0.209	17
* Kitsap	173,339	467	0.269	Okanogan	29,245	61	0.209	18
Kittitas	27,151	30	0.110	* Lewis	51,506	106	0.206	19
Klickitat	14,263	18	0.126	* Cowlitz	69,408	130	0.187	20
* Lewis	51,506	106	0.206	* Grays Harbor	50,972	89	0.175	21
Lincoln	7,755	7	0.090	Walla Walla	42,594	72	0.169	22
* Mason	38,491	58	0.151	* Wahkiakum	2,981	5	0.168	23
Okanogan	29,245	61	0.209	* Mason	38,491	58	0.151	24
* Pacific	16,769	23	0.137	Spokane	317,017	463	0.146	25
Pend Oreille	8,824	7	0.079	Benton	102,453	145	0.142	26
* Pierce	520,806	1,089	0.209	* Pacific	16,769	23	0.137	27
* San Juan	11,527	57	0.494	* Clark	251,228	320	0.127	28
* Skagit	77,482	447	0.577	Klickitat	14,263	18	0.126	29
* Skamania	7,400	17	0.230	Whitman	34,385	41	0.119	30
* Snohomish	448,524	1,295	0.289	Yakima	155,550	173	0.111	31
Spokane	317,017	463	0.146	Kittitas	27,151	30	0.110	32
Stevens	29,243	61	0.209	Lincoln	7,755	7	0.090	33
* Thurston	158,009	465	0.294	Pend Oreille	8,824	7	0.079	34
* Wahkiakum	2,981	5	0.168	Ferry	5,448	3	0.055	35
Walla Walla	42,594	72	0.169	Grant	52,068	26	0.050	36
* Whatcom	129,356	1,656	1.280	Franklin	33,172	16	0.048	37
Whitman	34,385	41	0.119	Asotin	15,615	7	0.045	38
Yakima	155,550	173	0.111	Adams	11,113	4	0.036	39
Washington Total	4,465,872	11,379	0.255	Washington Total	4,465,872	11,379	0.255	
Out-of-State U.S.		776		Out-of-State U.S.		776		
Foreign		152		Foreign		152		
Total		12,307		Total		12,307		
* West of the Cascades.	3,502,474	10,060	0.287					
East of the Cascades	963,398	1,319	0.137					

NOTES:

These are participation rates of enrolled students who applied from within the state of Washington by county.

Source: Enrollment data is from Fall 2000 HEER. Population data is from OFM.

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Table 38
Western Washington University
Student Flow, Fall 1985 through Fall 2000

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Freshman Entrance	1,384	1,429	1,362	1,638	1,194	1,134	1,551	1,457	1,547	1,512	1,776	2,075	2,132	2,193	2,169	2,470
Washington High School	1,301	1,358	1,295	1,574	1,139	1,056	1,444	1,352	1,432	1,381	1,660	1,858	1,940	1,994	1,998	2,269
High School Senior Previous Fall	57,410	57,034	59,930	61,607	60,912	56,484	54,388	55,659	56,617	58,590	61,112	62,720	65,346	68,242	69,373	72,131
Percent	2.27	2.38	2.16	2.55	1.87	1.87	2.65	2.43	2.53	2.36	2.72	2.96	2.97	2.92	2.88	3.15
Out of State High School	83	71	67	64	55	78	107	105	115	131	116	217	192	199	171	201
WWU Fall Headcount	9,200	9,398	9,559	9,838	9,322	9,732	10,010	10,150	10,302	10,598	10,708	11,039	11,476	11,655	11,887	12,307
Percent	0.90	0.76	0.70	0.65	0.59	0.80	1.07	1.03	1.12	1.24	1.08	1.97	1.67	1.71	1.44	1.63
Transfer	1,430	1,416	1,413	1,375	1,273	1,667	1,267	1,264	1,335	1,374	1,290	1,256	1,310	1,318	1,373	1,183
Washington Community Colleges	935	928	893	909	818	1,083	819	847	913	908	838	832	800	828	876	792
CC Academic AA FTE ¹	38,199	38,303	39,390	39,693	34,611	40,665	41,274	43,656	44,308	47,089	47,972	47,972	46,090	44,772	45,419	46,427
Percent	2.45	2.42	2.27	2.29	2.36	2.66	1.98	1.94	2.06	1.93	1.75	1.73	1.74	1.85	1.90	1.71
Washington Four-Year Institutions	211	204	286	280	262	311	223	219	227	217	218	200	220	217	186	170
Public Four-Year Previous Spring	69,093	69,775	69,331	69,273	70,290	72,149	73,340	73,960	75,404	77,357	78,250	78,856	80,857	81,065	82,606	86,995
Percent	0.31	0.29	0.41	0.40	0.37	0.43	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.25	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.20
Out of State Institution	284	284	234	186	193	273	225	198	195	249	234	224	290	273	311	221
WWU Fall Headcount	9,200	9,398	9,559	9,838	9,322	9,732	10,010	10,150	10,302	10,598	10,708	11,039	11,476	11,655	11,887	12,307
Percent	3.09	3.02	2.45	1.89	2.07	2.81	2.25	1.95	1.89	2.35	2.19	2.03	2.53	2.34	2.62	1.80
Continuing Student	5,652	5,849	6,144	6,219	6,333	6,416	6,701	6,787	6,844	7,214	7,163	7,265	7,638	7,682	8,077	8,359
Continuing Student	5,652	5,849	6,144	6,219	6,333	6,416	6,701	6,787	6,844	7,214	7,163	7,265	7,638	7,682	8,077	8,359
WWU Previous Spring Headcount	8,225	8,469	8,540	8,347	8,647	8,605	8,879	9,013	9,096	9,392	7,596	9,746	10,311	10,403	10,568	11,076
Percent Retained	68.72	69.06	71.94	74.51	73.24	74.56	75.47	75.30	75.24	76.81	94.30	74.54	74.08	73.84	74.79	75.47
Other Entrance	734	704	640	606	522	515	491	642	576	498	479	443	396	462	268	295
Former Student	723	700	633	606	521	514	486	641	570	497	474	430	371	442	212	259
Unknown	11	4	7	0	1	1	5	1	6	1	5	13	25	20	56	36
Total Fall Headcount	9,200	9,398	9,559	9,838	9,322	9,732	10,010	10,150	10,302	10,598	10,708	11,039	11,476	11,655	11,887	12,307
Total AA FTEs	8,297	8,410	8,357	8,650	8,439	8,731	9,021	9,139	9,347	9,486	9,651	10,101	10,367	11,537	10,821	11,191

NOTES:

¹Beginning 1994, figures include Technical Colleges from SBCTC Management Information System (MIS).

CC = Community College

AA = Annual Average

SOURCE: Higher Education Enrollment Report (HEER).

Figure 13
Western Washington University
County Participation Rates, Fall 1998

